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SUBJECT: BUSINESS TRAVEL : MANAGER, VITKOVICE STEEL AND  
MACHINERY WORKS; PRESIDENT, STROJEXPORT

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1. CZECHS ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH U. S. COMPANIES' PROPOSALS OUTLINED REFTEL, BUT WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF SOME ADJUSTMENTS COULD BE MADE. PESKA, LAJKA AND VRKOC WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK FROM MIAMI AT 0937 JUNE 6 VIA EA 352. THEY SUGGEST MEETING AT U. S. STEEL THEREFORE BE SCHEDULED FOR 1100. COULD U. S. STEEL MEET THEM AT NEW YORK AIRPORT? THEY HOPE MEETING AT U. S. STEEL WILL BE RESTRICTED IN SIZE AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO COMPARE OPERATING EXPERIENCES AND DISCUSS Q- BOP IN SOME DETAIL.

2. CZECHS EMPHASIZE THAT THEIR PRIMARY INTEREST IS Q- BOP, WITH PELLETIZING SECONDARY. THEY WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF VISIT TO Q- BOP PLANT OPERATION COULD BE ARRANGED AND, IF NECESSARY FOR THIS, WOULD BE WILLING TO CURTAIL OR EVEN CANCEL VISIT TO ALLIS CHALMERS. THEY MUST LEAVE NEW YORK EVENING OF JUNE 8 TO RETURN HERE.

3. PER REFTEL CZECHS ARE BUYING NEW YORK- MILWAUKEE- NEW YORK TICKETS AND RESERVING HOTEL AT NEW YORK.

4. REQUEST COMMERCE CABLE US BY MAY 24 RE ABOVE TO ENABLE US TO GET WORD TO PESKA.

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